

‘Ya got trouble.’ Is the Solution ‘I did It My Way’?

To begin – there are two songs I want to call to your attention because they are anchors of meaning for this article. The first one is from “The Music Man” – it is called “Ya Got Trouble.” You can watch its original version by clicking [HERE](#). For the second song, click [HERE](#). You may not know the performer of the first song – he is Robert Preston, click [HERE](#). And as the performer of the second one, he needs no introduction.

Over the years, particularly the more recent ones, all three branches of the Federal Government have ignored or construed the contents of the U. S. Constitution to their convenience. The Legislative Branch, Congress, has surrendered much of its role and authority as is defined in Article I. The Executive Branch, Obama in particular, has ignored its limitations as defined by Article II by the use of Executive Orders/Memoranda and downright ingenious twisting of matters. The Judicial Branch, the Supreme and Lower Courts, has reached far beyond its assignment as defined by Article III in order to make rulings to suit convenience, and in doing so has made “What is the meaning of the word ‘Is’ ” a freshman experience.

This Nation has arrived at that point we have been warned of: We are no longer ruled by law, but instead by the arbitrary decisions of government officials. In 2009 Glenn Beck said, “I said it was at this time that I said a year from now, by Christmas, you will not recognize this country,” click [HERE](#). In 2012 Beck stated, “Today officially is the day that I no longer recognize my country,” click [HERE](#). God bless the man, even though his show sometimes gets on my nerves, he was a prophet. But I think even he underestimated what now in 2015 we have before us. My genuine fear is that it is likely the worst is yet to come. Obama’s term does not end until 11:59:59 A.M., January 20, 2017.

Keith Edwards recently wrote an article that appeared in the American Thinker entitled ‘I forget...which party has control of the House and Senate?’, click [HERE](#). He said that the Republican Party, now with a majority in both houses of Congress, is incapable of the strength the Democratic Party demonstrates when it was in charge. The Republican Party is a party of ‘Status Quo,’ click [HERE](#). When Democrats are in power they take us to ever more extremes of liberal status and government size/spending. When Republicans come into being in charge they simply maintain the extremes to which the Democrats had taken us.

So, if you look around yourself, and I know you do, then you are aware of the circumstances we are in. This is why the first part of the title of this article. To paraphrase, “We got trouble, right here in the U. S. of A.” I also know that most of you, myself included, say, “When are our elected representatives going to stop being Politically Correct? When are they going to tell it like it is, right into the faces of Democrats, Liberals, and Progressives?” We want them to not back down and apologize. We want Republicans to get some cojones and put our Nation back on track with its founding principles.” And this brings me to the second half of this article and the second song.

As of this weekend there are 16 candidates for the Republican Nominee for President of the United States: Trump, Bush, Walker, Rubio, Carson, Huckabee, Paul, Cruz, Christie, Kasich,

Perry, Fiorina, Santorum, Jindal, and Graham. Here they are in the order of the Real Clear Politics Poll Ranking, click [HERE](#). Like it or not, Donald Trump leads by a considerable margin not just in the RCP Poll but also those of ABC/WaPo, Fox, and even the Huffington Post. (Actually there are at least 33, click [HERE](#), but who is counting.

So you ask yourself, who in the heck is giving Trump such a wide margin lead in the polls and why? If I am to believe what the pollsters tell us each of them polls about 1000 “likely” or “registered” voters, by phone, online, and other methods. The breakdown in terms of “Republican”, “Independent”, “Democrat”, etc. is not clear. But in any case the Pollsters are talking to Voters – whoever they are. So we are left with the “Why?”

I think the answer is fairly clear. Of all of the Republican candidates Trump is telling it like it is. He is not PC. He is not backing down and apologizing. He is taking it straight into the faces of Republicans and Democrats. He has cojones. And yet so many of those whom I have heard rant about wanting those characteristics in an elected representative tell me they are uncomfortable with Trump, that he can not last, and that they wish he would be little more polished – you know, a little more “Presidential-like.” They think he has too much of an ego and is stuck on himself.

Let me ask you several questions:

- Don't you have to have at least a bit of an ego to run for President?
- What is the matter with NOT being “polished?” Isn't being “polished” part of the problem – posturing to be liked? Are we “Polished” when we gather at a State or U.S. Capital with our hand-written signs and “Don't Tread on Me” flags yelling at the top of our lungs? If one must be “polished” then why do we behave as we do and what do we think we are accomplishing?
- The man is “telling it like it is.” He is not backing down. He is not being PC. Isn't that what you have been ranting for all these many years?
- So now that you have someone with cojones, should I ask where are your own?

Obviously the GOP leaders do not like Trump. As for that matter they don't like many of the other candidates. It seems the one they want is Bush. It is also obvious that many of the other candidates have gone out of their way to run from Trump's statements. That they have run suggests to me they are not going to take a strong stand on the matters that Trump is putting smack dab in front of everyone. Bush, Walker, Rubio, Huckabee, Christie, Kasich, Perry, and Jindal are the ‘runners.’ Graham has been downright nasty – but then he is a good buddy of McCain's. The only ones who have not “run” are Carson, Cruz, and Fiorina.

And it is not just the politicians who object to Trump. The ‘Conservative’ Talk show hosts such as Beck and Hannity seem to not like Trump. Limbaugh manages to put some distance between himself and Trump while at the same time recognizing why Trump is leading in the polls. Ingraham and Gallagher appear to understand more of why Trump is popular.

In the end each of us will have to decide whom we support. All I would ask is for you to go back into our history and take a good look at the behavior of James Otis and Sam Adams. Those two men were activists who formulated the colonists' grievances against the British government. Both men were somewhat extreme, but without them I am not certain the Colonies would have risen as they did, then to be led by others such as John Adams, Thomas

Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and George Washington. I believe we need people like Trump for the same reasons we needed James and Sam. Will Trump sustain his efforts? Will he change his demeanor? Time will tell. For some reason I think his present demeanor is a deliberate and calculated plan to force the Republican Party's Leaders to move in certain directions. Will he go Third Party? I doubt it. I think he knows the Republican Party realizes it can not win if Trump is a Third Party Candidate – so any threat is part of his “negotiations.” Read his book, The Art of Deal if you want to understand the ‘why’ and ‘how’ of what is happening. Trump is doing all of this his way. Perhaps Codevilla's thoughts are worth our consideration, click [HERE](#). Think about it.